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### Summary of Proposed Changes to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Rules April 15, 2003

NOTE: The following is an unofficial summary of the latest proposed rule for the importation of cervids into Indiana. The members of the Board of Animal Health approved the first reading of this rule at their regular meeting, April 17, 2003.

Members will vote a second time on this rule following a public hearing, currently scheduled for July 10, 2003. The public is welcome to submit comments, in writing, to the Board of Animal Health for consideration by the members of the Board. Please refer to the text of rule number LSA Document 02-323 for specific wording.

#### I. Proposed Changes to Import Restrictions on Cervid Live Animals, Embryos, and Semen.

- (a) Limit import restrictions to cervid species that are known to be susceptible to CWD:
  - (1) Elk, Wapiti, and Red Deer.
  - (2) Sika Deer, Japanese Deer, and related species.
  - (3) Mule Deer
  - (4) Whitetail Deer.
  - (5) Any species that is diagnosed with CWD.
- (b) Allow the movement of **live animals and embryos** into the state if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The **state of origin** meets the following requirements:
    - (A) Animal health officials have the authority to quarantine for CWD.
    - (B) State law requires CWD positives be reported to animal health officials.
    - (C) State of origin is engaged in surveillance for CWD in captive and free-ranging cervid populations.
    - (D) CWD has not been diagnosed in any cervid within the last 5 years.
  - (2) The **herd of origin** meets the following requirements:
    - (A) The herd of origin has been enrolled in an official CWD monitoring program for at least 5 years.
    - (B) No animal in the herd, from the herd, or traced to the herd has been diagnosed as CWD positive within the last 5 years.

- (c) Add a provision allowing **live animals to be shipped directly to slaughter** under the following conditions:
  - (1) A pre-entry permit is obtained from the state veterinarian.
  - (2) All animals are identified.
  - (3) A certificate of veterinary inspection is obtained for the animals, moves with the animals, and is presented at the slaughter plant.
  - (4) The animals are moved directly to a slaughtering establishment licensed by the BOAH or the USDA without stopping and unloading elsewhere in the state.
  - (5) The state veterinarian is given an opportunity to collect a sample from each animal for disease (CWD) testing.
  - (6) The offal from the animals is disposed of by a licensed rendering service or at a licensed landfill.
- (d) Add a provision that live animals and carcasses testing negative for CWD using an **official test** may move into the state. (There is not currently an official live animal test).
- (e) Allow the movement of **semen** into the state if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The semen donor is not a CWD positive, CWD suspect, or CWD exposed animal.
  - (2) The semen donor has not been kept on a premise where a CWD positive animal has been kept within the last (60) months.
  - (3) The semen donor is not an offspring of a CWD positive animal.

## **II. Proposed Addition of Import Restrictions Governing Carcasses.**

- (a) Restrict the import of **carcasses and parts** from CWD susceptible species with the following exceptions:
  - (1) De-boned meat.
  - (2) Carcasses or parts of carcasses with the head or spinal column attached if they are delivered within 72 hours after entry to a meat processor inspected by the BOAH. A meat processor accepting such animals must dispose of discarded tissue from the animal at a landfill permitted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management or through a renderer licensed by the BOAH.
  - (3) Antlers, including antlers attached to skull caps, if the skull cap is cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue.
  - (4) Hides.
  - (5) Upper canine teeth, also known as “buglers”, “whistlers”, or “ivories”.
  - (6) Heads if they are delivered to a taxidermist licensed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources within 72 hours after entry. A taxidermist accepting such a head must dispose of discarded tissue from the head at a landfill permitted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management or through a renderer licensed by the BOAH.
  - (7) Finished taxidermist mounts.
- (b) **Licensed renderers** are not restricted in moving material to licensed disposal plants.

## **III. Proposed Changes to Registration Program.**

- (a) Registration program will continue to apply to all cervid species.

(b) Clarifies **identification requirement** by stating that an animal must be identified at the earliest of the following:

- (1) At the time the animal is moved onto the premises.
- (2) At the time the animal is moved off of the premises.
- (3) At the time the animal is held for testing, vaccination, or veterinary care.
- (4) At the time the animal is held for collection of any kind (semen, embryo, antler, etc...).

Requires an animal moving intrastate be identified. Allows the state veterinarian to require a carcass be identified.

(c) Clarifies **record keeping** requirements by adding:

- (1) The date an animal is identified and the event triggering its identification.
- (2) The cause for removal of an animal (death, sale, escape, etc...).

#### **IV. Proposed Changes Regarding Duties of Applicants and Penalties**

- (a) Requires applicants for permits and persons moving animals into the state to provide BOAH representatives with complete and accurate information, including supporting documentation.
- (b) Authorizes the state veterinarian to deny a permit, issue civil penalties, or take any other action authorized by law to enforce the import rules.